

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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FROM: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REPORTS OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

***National Association of Counties Achievement Award - 2003 Recipients***

Public Health, Animal Care & Control – “Spay/Neuter Voucher Program”

Pet overpopulation is a big and growing problem in San Bernardino County. More than 75 percent of the dogs and cats impounded at the Devore Animal Shelter end up having to be euthanized.

Animal Care and Control's Spay/Neuter Voucher Program provides pet owners in the county's unincorporated areas with the means to have their animals spayed and neutered. Residents can call a toll-free number and receive a voucher that they can use to have their pets spayed and neutered by one of 75 participating vets and humane societies. An average of more than 400 vouchers are issued each month.

Public Health, Maternal Health Section – “Early Steps”

Almost half of San Bernardino County second grade students were scoring below the national average on standardized exams. The disparity was even greater for economically disadvantaged children. The project area included selected ZIP Codes from the High Desert and East Valley regions of the County.

Early Steps was created by the county Public Health's Maternal Health Section and funded by the tobacco tax to assist in the early physical, mental, social, and educational development of at-risk children to prepare them for school. Through partnerships with the Loma Linda University Graduate School and Volunteers of America, the program works with parents and their children to ensure problems are addressed before school begins.

During the past two years, Early Steps has served 1,966 clients and made an impact on the development of 831 children.

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Law & Justice Group – “Law Enforcement Interface Project”

The Law Enforcement Interface Project allows law enforcement agencies throughout the county to view the District Attorney’s case management system for updates on their cases and court dates. It also allows the District Attorney to electronically subpoena law enforcement officers for court appearances, making it more likely that the officers will show up and that the case will proceed on time.

Before the system was created, these tasks were performed via the manual delivery of paper documents. Sometimes court proceedings were delayed because documents didn’t arrive soon enough or they arrived at the wrong location.

Information Service Department, Geographic Information Systems Team – “Emergency Management Map CD”

This project is a joint effort between the Sheriff, County Fire, and the County Information Services Department.

It involves the production of a computer CD disk containing several layers of geographic information including streets, railroads, schools, and hospitals to help emergency agencies respond as quickly as possible to emergencies, including those involving homeland security.

It has been distributed to all county emergency agencies, cities, military bases, and airports.

Economic Development/Public Services Group, Workforce Development and Business Resource Center – “Small Business Energy Efficiency Program”

During the energy crisis, the county’s Job Development Unit formed a partnership with Southern California Edison to educate the county’s more than 27,000 businesses on how to become more energy efficient.

This included rounding up more than 30 electricians and H-VAC contractors who could help businesses install energy efficient systems.

The partnership saved small businesses more than 2.2 million kilowatt hours worth more than \$336,000 over a two-year period.

Law and Justice Group (District Attorney and Courts) – “E-Filing Program”

This program created a system allowing the District Attorney to electronically file criminal cases with the courts. San Bernardino County is the first county in the state to create and implement such a system.

It replaces an antiquated paper-based system in which multiple copies of documents were once hand-delivered and hand-filed with the courts.

Cases are now filed more quickly and consume far less staff time.

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Adopt resolution recognizing Frank Schuma for over 10 years of dedicated service to the City of Fontana.